

# Chemists can't breathe

by Moira Ambrose

McGill's chemistry department is in short supply of fresh air.

Chemistry department students and academics say noxious fumes are sometimes recirculated in the Otto Maas Chemistry building instead of being dispersed outside. The fumes, originating in the building's laboratories, are redistributed inside due to faults in the ventilation system.

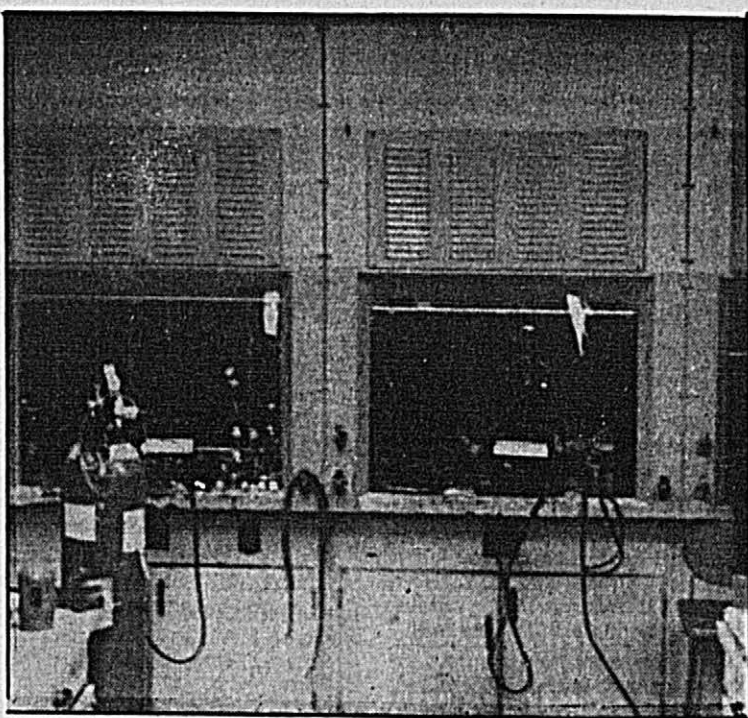
Last May, hydrogen sulfide fumes were recirculated not only within the Otto Maas building, but blew downwind into the fresh air in-take port of the Burnside building, resulting in its partial evacuation.

Chemistry graduate student and President of the Post Graduate Students' Society Pierre Bédard said, "Several times last year...part of the department had to be evacuated" because of noxious vapours. The fumes stem largely from organic chemistry laboratories.

In a report written last Spring, department academics stated, "Certain rooms (e.g. 1, 128, 340, 436) are not provided with sufficient fumehoods (ventilation ducts). As a result, some researchers conduct experiments in the presence of volatile solvents and other obnoxious compounds without adequate ventilation, which may not only be injurious to their health, but may also lead to explosions. Exhaust and intake ports of the ventilation systems are placed so close on the roof of the Building that occasionally obnoxious fumes from the exhaust vents enter the intake ports and are circulated throughout the Building."

Chemistry graduate students submitted a similar report to the cyclical review committee, an administrative group that makes recommendations to the Academic Priority and Planning Committee of the Board of Governors.

At the same time, outside examiner Howard Clark, former President of the Chemical Institute of Canada and Vice Principal Academic at the University of Waterloo wrote, "I gained the impression that the University was not providing sufficient support to the Department in matters pertaining to occupational health and safety."



Chem. fumes make studies (ob)noxious

"Physical Plant has been very slow in responding," he said.

The administration took action on the situation only in the last month.

Vice Principal Finance John Armour notified Chemistry Graduate Liason Committee Chairperson Erik Zuck Monday that a report on the building's ventilation system will be presented in a week to the Building Committee of the Board of Governors.

Engineering consultants inspected the building's ventilation system over the February study break, but chemistry department representatives were not invited to attend.

Chemistry department chairperson Dr. Mario Onyszchuk agreed, but stressed that few of the noxious fumes are toxic.

"Why we weren't told of it fact they (the consultants) coming, I don't know. There is not a satisfactory answer to this," said Onyszchuk.

Physical Plant Director A. Douglas Elliott said a mechanical engineer visited the building on February 24th and made a recommendation that "the fumehood exhausts on the north block be connected together with stainless steel ducts and one central exhaust throw the exhaust up higher in the air," by-passing close proximity to valves bringing fresh air into the building.

Elliott noted that this is nothing more than a recommendation.

Safety grievances about Otto Maas also include the low number of fumehoods in each laboratory.

## Talk peace, think war

# Minister Blais in space

by Colln McKay

Jean-Jacques Blais, Canada's Minister of Defence, believes that research and development of satellites is not only good for business but should make Canadians much more secure from the Soviet nuclear threat.

The Minister gave the keynote speech at the Conference on International Security and Outer Space Warfare at the McGill faculty of Law last Friday evening.

In his speech Mr. Blais stated that the most important issue concerning space satellites and Canadian security "is the industrial employment and economic importance to Canada of what we in Department of National Defense (DND) do in space."

Discussing the specifics of such a programme, he remarked that most advanced satellite technology is military, but has many 'civilian' advantages.

"The industry which develops this military technology and the factory tooling, and the test procedures to produce it, is in a very advantageous position when this technology is later adapted to civilian applications," he said.

Minister Blais suggests that such a programme justifies a "high grade military industrial technology interchange" with the United States and would equip, and permit Canadian industry to share effectively some of the emerging future civilian markets.

Minister Blais finished his address with a quote which ignores the fact that such a programme's inevitable end is still nuclear war: "Personally, my fondest wish is that all Canadians will take interest in this subject whose true dimensions, like Benjamin Franklin's balloon drifting over Paris, are boundless as mankind's potential."

## Faculty Club feathers own luxury nest

# Cognac at the club

by Daniel Bell and Albert Nerenberg

While faculties get slashed, foreign students get a \$1,300 fee hike, and the price of a beer and pizza at Gertrude's is jacked up, McGill professors get a break on their canard à l'orange and cognac.

The executive of the McGill Association of University Teachers (MAUT) has decided to divert \$240,000 annually to subsidise the faculty club. The extra money will reduce dues for academic staff to \$12 per year, and decrease food and bar prices by 10 per cent.

The money comes from a fund of \$500,000 which was originally set aside by the MAUT and the administration for salary increases.

The 16 member MAUT council, all of whom are faculty club members, made arrangements for the Club due decrease on behalf of the entire academic staff. Irwin Gopnik, President of the MAUT, denied any conflict of interest.

According to Gopnik, the MAUT council represents the entire academic staff.

Gopnik said, "we needed to find a creative use for funds."

However, less than 50 per cent of McGill professors belong to the Faculty club.

Many professors were infuriated by the decision to allocate such a large sum of money to the club. Professor Patty Webb-Hearsy, President of the unaccredited MFU (McGill Faculty Union) said "no one was asked. We can't possibly approve, as the money should have been used for salary increases."

Professor Sam Noumoff of the Senate Sub-Committee on Women's Safety said the money could have been put to better use.

"The money could have been used for other priorities, in-

cluding the Safety for Women Program," he said. "This is a complete misuse of university resources designated for one purpose, and used for another without consultation with the staff."

Professor Jack Weldon, a former president of the MAUT, criticised the diversion of funds. "The increase is not negligible for a person approaching pension age. By giving up a general fee increase he loses part of his pension for life."

He added "\$240,000 should have been used to hire 6-7 full time professors per year, or 25-30 Teacher Assistants, or to subsidise foreign students."

Both Weldon and Webb-Hearsy questioned the legality and propriety of the MAUT's "discussions" with the administration and their decision to earmark such a large sum to the faculty club.

Gopnik countered, "McGill is a participatory democracy, and worker control ensures fairness. We are what unions strive to be after they are unions. The MAUT doesn't make decisions as such. We try to persuade, discuss, and cajole."

He added that "the professors can evade taxes by funneling what would have been a salary increase through the club."

Economics Professor Alan Fenichel said this was "corrupt and illegal."

The Faculty club is the gothic townhouse with the red-carpeted staircase south of the Union Building on McTavish St.

## Referendum challenged

by Tania Luhde

The Student's Society's Judicial Board has begun to review allegations that the second reincarnation of the fee increase referendum was a violation of referendum regulations.

During the Student's Society elections, three fifths of those who participated, voted to accept an \$18 increase in McGill Student's Society fees. The same question had three weeks previously been rejected by a small margin.

The plaintiff's maintained that asking the same question with little time in between was, although not expressly against the rules, was contrary to tradition. Further, it created "horrible problems for future referenda," according to Robert Crawhall, for the Post Graduate Students' Society.

Jean-Pierre Blais, speaking on behalf of Students' Society, said council thought enough publicity had been generated before the first referendum, "therefore (Students' Society) decided not to fund a no committee."



## PHARMACY

Blue Metro Level of Les Terrasses Shopping Mall  
(corner McGill College/de Maisonneuve)  
10% discount to all McGill students & staff with McGill card.  
(except on weekly specials and cigarettes)

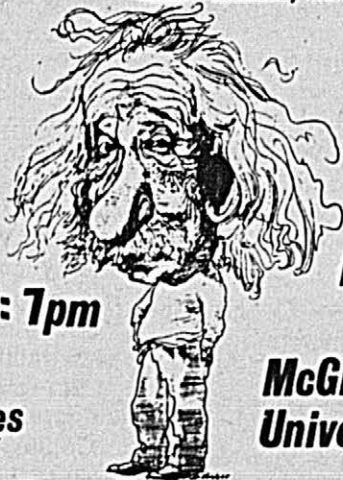
Montreal Tel: 849-6915

### THE EFFECTS OF NUCLEAR TESTING ON PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

with  
**Giff & Darlene Johnson**

"Nothing will end war unless the peoples themselves refuse to go to war"

Albert Einstein, 1931



Thursday  
March 22: 7pm

Project  
Ploughshares

Leacock  
Rm 26

McGill  
University

Free Admission

McGILL  
**ARTS & SCIENCE**  
UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY

## ELECTIONS LOCATION OF POLLS

To be held Wednesday, March 21, 1984  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Arts Building  
Bronfman Building  
Burnside Hall  
Leacock Building  
Otto Maass Building  
Stewart Biology Building  
Union Building

Under no circumstances will any student be allowed to vote without a valid McGill I.D.

Alan P. Rossy  
Chief Returning Officer

## CLASSIFIEDS

Ads may be placed through the Daily, Room 803, Student Union Building, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Deadline is 2:00 p.m. two weekdays prior to publication.

McGill students: \$250 per day; for 3 consecutive days, \$2.00 per day; more than 3 days, \$1.75 per day. McGill faculty and staff: \$3.50 per day. All others: \$4.00 per day. *Exact change only, please.*

The Daily assumes no financial responsibility for errors, or damage due to errors. Ad will re-appear free of charge upon request if information is incorrect due to our error. The Daily reserves the right not to print a classified ad.

### 341 — APTS., ROOMS, HOUSING

Fabulous 5-1/2 to sublet from May 1st to Aug. 31st. All utilities incl., completely furnished. 30 seconds from campus. 286-1674 after 3 pm. \$400.00 per month.

Sublet: Clean 4-1/2, safe area, near Guy Metro, furnished, spacious, large kitchen, \$400.00/mo. Available May 1 — Sept 1 call evenings 932-7914.

Apt. for rent, 5-1/2 rooms, Coloniale/Sherbrooke St. Occupation any time. Lease to be arranged. Tel. 676-7169.

Large, bright 3-1/2 to sublet May 1st to August 31st. Two minutes from gym, 5 min from campus. \$330/mth., utilities included. 843-6252, after 6.

A large clean 5-1/2 to sublet from May 1st. Durocher near Pine. We'll take the best offer we get. Call 286-0763.

Apt. to sublet April 1st, option to renew. Cozy 3-1/2, fully equipped. Close to campus (Peel St.), reasonable rent. Call

849-1824.

Apartment to share with another female, located in Westmount, close to Atwater metro, call after 6:00 PM. 931-5978 or leave message 457-5404, Marie.

Female, nonsmoking roommate wanted to share large, beautiful 4-1/2 on Durocher for period of May 1 to Aug 31. Total cost, \$225/month. Call, 288-8704.

Apartment to sublet: May 1 — August 30. Clean, quiet and sunny 4-1/2, 3547 Durocher (near Pine). Please call Mike or Pat at 286-0503.

Huge House. To sublet for the summer. Six bedrooms, four bathrooms, living room, etc. In ghetto, near McGill, \$6.00. Call 288-0095.

I am looking for an apartment to rent for approximately \$150. I am willing to share with someone else. Phone Brendan at 272-7467 after 6pm.

Nice, clean 2-1/2 to sublet end of April (option to renew in Aug.) Moving to Québec. Rent negotiable. Partly furnished. On Durocher. Call 286-9834.

Gorgeous, spacious room to sublet May 1st to August 31st in large, clean 5-1/2 — 10 min walk from campus. Furnished or unfurnished. \$170.00. Call evenings. 286-0268 — ask for Sarah.

Great opportunity to sublet a spacious furnished 3-1/2 at 3610 McTavish (corner Dr. Penfield) from June 1st to August 31st 286-8243.

TO SUBLET: May 1 — July 31. Spacious, attractive, furnished 7-1/2 apt. 3 bedrooms

in McGill ghetto, Pine Ave. corner Durocher. Possibility to renew. Rent negotiable. Call 286-0203.

Large, bright 5-1/2 to sublet. Available May 1. Aymer St., minutes from campus. Sunny balcony. \$200 per month. Lease renewable in Sept. 842-3078.

On campus, fully furnished, sunny, large 3-1/2 to sublet May 5 to Sept. 5. Quiet and convenient. Rent /345, including all utilities. Call 843-7124.

1-1/2, large, cozy, Sherbrooke and Guy St. Must sublet, May 1st to Aug. 31st. Only \$175. Call 93-6473.

Rent for May of June or both months. Apt. to share, \$150.00/monthly; utilities. Females only. ASK for Louise: 286-0584.

Roomate needed (pref. female) May 1st for big, bright 4-1/2. Fully-furnished, close to campus (Mountain St.), utilities incl. Ph. 288-0788 (eves)

SUBLET: Clean 1-1/2 on Prince Arthur, 5 minutes from campus. Available May 1 — August 31. \$210/month. Phone 989-1984.

Sublet share of huge, sunny 7-1/2 apartment May through August with option to renew. Large bedroom. Two balconies with great view. \$133. 286-8263.

Sublet, spacious 4-1/2, May 1st — Aug. 31st/84. Great location. Sherbrooke near Atwater. Bus no 144, 24, 138 and Atwater metro. Alexis Nihon Plaza nearby. 935-3482.

To sublet: sunny, spacious 5-1/2 (or by room) facing St. Louis Square. 2 balconies. May and June \$550. Call 286-0843. A must See!

To sublet May 1 thru Aug 15 — spacious 2-1/2, clean, furnished, convenient (on Peel St.) — \$250 per month — call 286-0789, evenings.

You must see this! Bright, spacious 4-1/2 sublet May 1 to Sept 1. Excellent location, laundry facilities, furnished or unfurnished, \$400/month. 286-0701.

Bright 3-1/2 to sublet from May 1 — Sept. 1. Completely furnished. Adjacent to campus. \$315/month. Option to renew. Call 286-0803.

Large, bright 1-1/2 to sublet. Two minutes from campus. Balcony, great view, laundry facilities. May 1-Aug. 31. Option to renew. Rent negotiable. 849-6776.

1-1/2 to sublet from May to August. Option to renew. \$225 per month everything included. On Lincoln 15 minutes walk to campus. Call days 989-9379.

SPACIOUS 6-1/2 — sublet May-Aug. Option to renew, fully furnished, 2 min. to campus, 456 Pine, good for 3 people. Call 286-0553. Rent negotiable.

Spend your summer in style! A luxurious 3-1/2 for rent between May 1st and Aug 30th. Included: pool, sauna, air conditioning and furnishings. Call 287-9921.

SUBLET — Big, beautiful 2-bedroom apartment. Furnished, T.V., stereo. June 1st — August 31st. 10 min walk from campus \$400. Call 937-4483.

Sublet 5-1/2, May 1-Aug 30, opt to renew. Heat, hot water incl., working fireplace. \$495.00 (neg). Call 932-8485 eve. — Edith or Sharon.

SUBLET 4-1/2 Durocher, large, bright and clean. Oak floors, high ceilings. Available May 1, w/option \$359. 286-0383.

SUBLET: 4-1/2; May 1-August 31; clean, big bedrooms, big kitchen, furnished, close to gym; \$325/mo.; 845-4809.

Sublet — Large 5-1/2 — clean and bright. Smartly furnished and fully-equipped. Close to campus. \$300.00/month. 286-0458.

Sublet, large, warm 1-1/2 room apartment located on Durocher near Pine. Lease until end of August, option to renew. \$265/month. Call 286-9841 any time.

Sublet May-July with option to renew lease, 1-1/2 apt, on St. Marc. \$225 per month (everything incl.) Call 937-6406.

Sublet May 1st to July 31st with option on new lease. Large 5-1/2 corner Pine and Durocher. Rent 520. Call 392-5169 days 845-1620 evenings.

Sunny spacious Stanley Street summer sublet. Fully furnished 4-1/2 for \$500.00. Private yard. May 1-Aug 31. Bar-B-Qing season is around the corner! Call 286-1318.

Sublet 3-1/2 (large), May-August. Close to gym and school. Furnished or unfurnished, option to renew. \$350 negotiable. 849-0501 evenings.

## CONTEMPLATING MARRIAGE

McGill Hillel Presents:

A) Legal Aspects of Marriage in Quebec with Michael Goldstein: Lawyer

B) Budgeting, Banking & Investments with: Jean Harris, Project Officer of The Royal Bank. Consumer Affairs

Date: Tuesday, March 20/84  
Time: 7:30 PM  
Place: 3460 Stanley St.  
Cost: \$1.50  
Info: 845-9171



Need to talk?  
We're here to listen.

**Shalom  
Line**

The Jewish Community  
Listening and Referral Centre

If you're lonely, depressed, or involved in a personal or family crisis, or if you just need someone to talk to, we are here to help.

We are a caring, non-judgmental, confidential listening centre, whose trained volunteers are available from 6 p.m. to midnight every night (except Fridays and holidays). Our lines are open. Give us a call.

**849-9191**



# Grenada update

by Karen Bastow

"There is something wrong with governments who say they are invading a country to restore democracy, but still find it necessary to censor journalists," said Ricki Singh to the audience at the Centre For Developing Area Studies, Thursday.

On November 3, the Barbadian government gave Singh an ultimatum: leave the island within 24 hours. His work permit, which he had held for nine years, was revoked without notice.

Singh was editor of Caribbean Contact, the most widely read journal of Caribbean events, published in Barbados. It was after his last issue criticising both the US invasion of Grenada and the Barbadian government's complicity, that he was asked to leave.

"The simplistic statements made by the media that Grenadians were happy to be invaded should not be taken seriously," said Singh, who is on a cross Canada speaking tour following his first visit to Grenada after the invasion.

The US and other Caribbean nations engaged in a deliberate policy of media misinformation — in Singh's case to the extent of censorship — the US military is still in charge of who comes to the island and where they go, Singh contended.

"The US is leaking selective parts of Grenada's military aid agreement," said Singh, "I was at the press conference where

Maurice Bishop publically announced the military aid agreement with the Soviet Union. What government publically announces 'secret' pacts?"

Singh added that representatives to the US Congress did not suffer the severe consequences he did for criticising the invasion.

U.S. justifications for the invasion changed after it had been completed. "First it was a rescue mission for American students who didn't want to be rescued, then all of a sudden Grenada became a Soviet stronghold," said Singh.

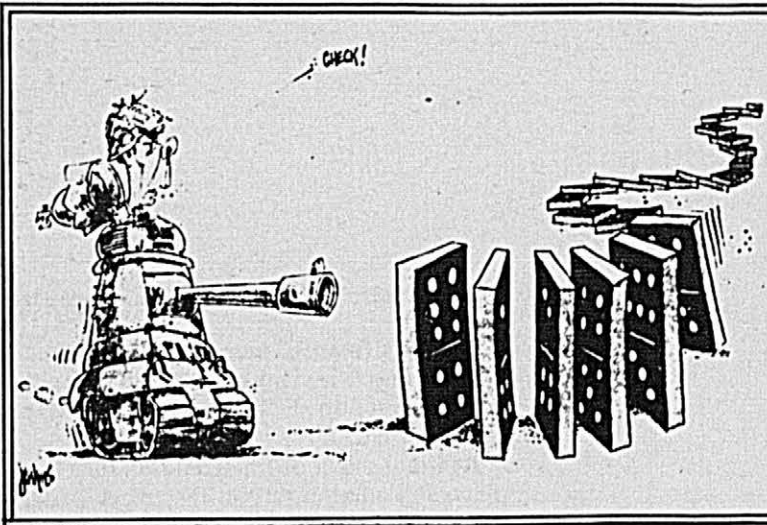
"The invasion of Grenada did not happen as an accident. When the New Jewel Movement (Maurice Bishop's party) was formed in 1973, Henry Kissinger described it as Soviet."

"They are continuing the contract with Plessy of England for the airport, now it has great commercial potential."

Singh said the invasion of Grenada is recolonization. "The Americans have brought back Eric Gairy, the dictator of Grenada before the NJM took over, for the elections."

Singh added that "the day after the invasion had been settled with the Commonwealth countries, the U.S. sent 150 military advisors to Caribbean nations."

The Caribbean nations who participated in the invasion have decided to set up a Regional Security Force — with U.S. participation — at the cost of approximately \$100 million.



## More safety for women

by Mike Duckett

The Senate Sub-committee on Women's Safety recently released a map detailing what areas on campus were least safe for women.

Distribution of the map — instead of lighting construction — has been a contentious issue. The map indicates that much of inner-campus is unsafe for women.

Divided into 20 areas, the map has become a blueprint with ten "priority" areas slated to receive extra lighting by September 1, 1984. The path between residences and Royal Victoria Hospital is a priority area.

Another priority is the concerns of female students who have lockers in the isolated McIntyre Medical Services tunnel.

The tunnel has been repainted in brighter colours, received im-

proved lighting and an administration promise to install cameras.

The Senate Sub-committee has agreed to several other alterations on campus:

- Speaker systems in some libraries to be used by students and security.

- Women's washroom doors will have mechanical devices whereby they will remain open whenever unoccupied.

- Entrances to washrooms in the Leacock building will be renovated to open on hallways, rather than onto stairwells.

In recent developments of harassment cases on campus, the "palmist", accused of accosting women in McLennan library, has been apprehended and pleaded guilty.

A recent lurker in the administration building has been identified and barred from campus.

# Coach resigns

by Frank Young

Barely hours after the end of the Redmen basketball season, head coach Eddie Pomykala has resigned, and has taken over a head coaching position at Bishop's.

To anyone who has followed the Redmen closely this season, this move comes as no surprise. Pomykala is a highly qualified coach and recruiter. When he was named as interim head coach in December, Pomykala took over a very average looking team. Nevertheless, McGill turned around, and ran away with the QUAA crown by a margin of six games. Still, the athletics department refused to reward the league's "coach of the year" with a worthwhile contract.

Pomykala spoke of his frustration with the decrepit state of McGill athletics. He remarked that if an athletic tradition at McGill did indeed exist, it is an "invisible tradition." Pomykala felt that the lack of support shown for varsity level athletics at McGill proved that "in an environment that stresses excellence, (there is) an acceptance of mediocrity." It is difficult for an athlete to perform fully when he is being constantly reminded that he must "play in the shadows."

Pomykala's frustration was caused by the lack of administrative support for the athletics department, which makes it difficult for a coach at McGill to recruit top talent from high schools and CEGEPs. He was also upset over the lack of media coverage of university athletics in Montréal.

It is a shame that the Redmen, who were at the top of the QUAA, did not receive their fair share of media or fan support. McGill student athletes get "no perks" for their efforts according to Pomykala. It is up to the individual athletes to motivate themselves in a situation such as the one that exists here.

In light of the tremendous season that the Redmen basketball team had, this may all sound like sour grapes. But the fact remains — McGill has now lost two head coaches and four assistant coaches from its varsity level teams. Hockey coach Ken Tyler's future at the school is up in the air as well.

If the administration does not change its policy concerning athletics and student athletes, the sports programs at this school will be having tremendous problems. If the administration is not willing to give full support to building and maintaining a strong athletics department, they should not bother to field teams at all.

# ASUS elections clouded by rumour

by Amy Kaler

This year's ASUS elections are clouded by rumour and irregularity, according to several candidates.

The alleged problems involve the application process for candidates. As the ASUS does not have open all-candidates meetings, the only way for voters to form an impression of the candidates is through the pensketches and photographs which are submitted with the applications.

According to candidates David Rose and David Gibson, "irregularities" took place in the process of accepting or rejecting nominations. Although the rules given to each candidate state that the deadline for nominations was March 12 at 17h00, Rose says that he was told on Tuesday that his pensketch would be accepted any time that day.

"I slipped it under the door Tuesday night. Wednesday morning it was gone."

He submitted another pensketch on Wednesday, but was told by chief returning officer Alan Rossy that he had missed the deadline and his pensketch could not be used as campaign material as it had not been approved.

Said Rose, "I wonder what their (ASUS executive) real motives are behind this strange action. I really wonder."

According to Rose and Gibson, they contemplated withdrawing from their respective races, which would then leave the positions open for acclamation.

According to the rules governing the ASUS elections, nominations for the position would then be reopened for forty-eight hours to allow other candidates to enter the race. The two would then re-enter the race, on an equal footing with the other candidates. However, the candidates were not permitted to withdraw less than seven days before the election, and so their names would have to remain on the ballot at a disadvantage.

On Thursday, however, according to Rossy, all candidates had their deadlines extended. However, as the candidates were told about this extension on an individual basis, misinterpretations arose. Rossy said "one of the candidates" brought this oversight to his attention.

"The situation became out of hand when not everyone heard about the extension."

Rossy said the deadline for all candidates had been extended, and Rose's and Gibson's pensketches were therefore legitimate.

According to Rose, Gibson and other disgruntled candidates, the changes in deadline

were made for political rather than procedural reasons.

"They (the ASUS executive) have forgotten they were elected...they're treating everyone like petty tyrants and playing with the constitution," said Gibson.

## Elderly need help

by Jocelyne Lajole

The Yellow Door, a Montréal Chaplaincy Service, needs volunteers to work on their "Friendly Visiting Project" this summer.

A hundred students, 80 per cent of whom are from McGill, are involved with the project. However, the majority of these students are from outside Québec and go home during the summer.

The Friendly Visiting Project has been well received by elderly people since its creation in 1967. Student volunteers help with such things as shopping and doctor appointments.

According to Anglican priest Roger Balk, creator of the project, "Many times, the elderly stay home even when the students visit them. But just the company makes them feel still needed."

She added, "The need for volunteers in the summer is especially urgent for elderly people with severe physical handicaps such as blindness."

Aline Barnoti, a McGill student volunteer says, "Visiting an elderly person is really inspiring. I see her doing her thing and she is so dynamic that it makes me forget my own problems."

The Friendly Visiting Project is funded by Centraide, the Québec Ministry of Social Affairs, and private corporations.

Students in the project visit elderly people in their homes two hours a week.

According to project coordinator Florence Davis, "Several of our elderly people have called me saying that they are afraid of being alone for the summer."



## Education Supplement

McGill's financial woes are not endemic solely to this institution. Universities and community colleges across Canada have been affected to differing degrees — several have been closed down permanently.

As the thought of financial ruin runs through the heads of the university administrators, they react quickly, automaton to the end. There is a simple solution—we'll let in less students each year. In all other provinces this process of increased competitiveness has begun. It is a trend that can lead only to increased elitism among an already stratified enclave.

McGill has been a different case—apparently students will continue to be a necessary commodity but crumbling buildings and an antiquated library system attest to the strains of the decline in monetary assistance.

So, students enter a world of privilege, an institution which can no longer afford them. McGill is not an unique example — students throughout Canada are facing the same encroaching economic reality.

Leela MadhavaRau



## HYDE PARK

For those who glanced at the latest issue of McGill Magazine in search of hot tips on vacation packages to the Greek Isles and helpful hints on how to be better housewives, it must have come as a surprise to find a reasonable well-argued commentary on the contradictions of divestment politics. Professor John Shingler advises us to take a closer look at the question of the divestment of McGill shares from corporations with interests in South Africa, and to see it as a well-meaning but misguided proposal.

But let's take a closer look at Shingler's argument.

First we are told that while it is acceptable for individual members of a university to engage in activities oriented toward specific political goals the University must not since it is "a legal person, or corporation." But what difference does it make that the university is a corporation? Other corporations engage in political activities, such as the funding of political candidates and parties: why should McGill be denied this right? Furthermore, the argument rests on a total misunderstanding of the issue: it is not a matter of taking a stand or refusing to do so, since non-involvement is taking a stand. McGill cannot evade the question — it has to bank somewhere — it must simply decide which stand it wants to take.

Second, Shingler notes that South Africa is not alone in its repressive activities and that many other countries practice racial discrimination. That is certainly true, but he neglects to mention that South Africa is the *only* country where racism is institutionalized, legally and constitutionally.

Third, we are told loans and investments actually weaken the system in South Africa. But this is plainly ridiculous. South Africa's political regime would be helpless against insurrection without a strong economic foundation, and this is what foreign investment provides. A rich economy can clearly stave off attempts to force through change than one less-endowed with western cash.

About the work-force, Shingler writes, "International engagement is part of a complex process of social and economic change taking place there." Presumably, he means as blacks are integrated into the South African work-force, they will gain strength and be able to push for political change. This is either naive or slimey. How are blacks integrated into the work-force? As virtual slaves, housed in shanty towns and kept safely away from skilled jobs and an education. South Africa actually imports white skilled workers. Meanwhile the economic foundation on which the police state is built grows stronger. What kind of black power is this?

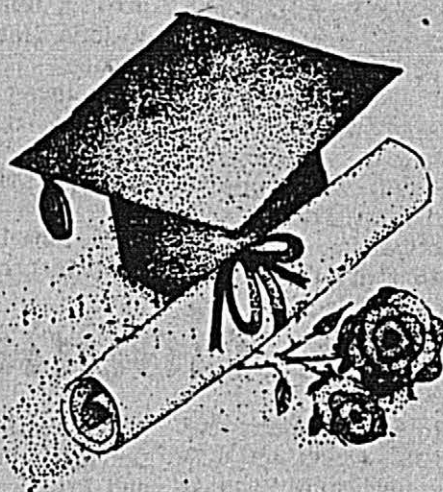
And finally Shingler tells us McGill's divestment will accomplish nothing anyway. Its shares would be snapped up by 'wiser' investors. Maybe so. But there are two things which divestment will accomplish. First, it is a clear signal to South Africa that its policies are unacceptable according to any western democratic or international standards. Boycotting sports teams is one way of doing this, but it is simply not enough. As the U.S. says when it boycotts the Soviet Union, boycotts must be comprehensive or they won't be taken seriously.

Divestment from companies which invest in South Africa is not a strictly moral statement, it is a call for rights and practices which we all take for granted and without which our present lifestyles would be unimaginable.

But now, one might say, it's quite easy for us, thousands of miles away, to speak of change (which may take the form of revolution), but how do the blacks in South Africa who may perish in a confrontation feel about it?

Don't take our word for it: take theirs. They urge us to divest. And if they don't fear the violence which revolution may bring, it is because things can't get any worse.

McGill Committee on South Africa



## McGill's policy remain

by Leela MadhavaRau

McGill is one of the few large Canadian universities that will not be slashing admission of first year students next September.

The University of Alberta, in a statement on Thursday, reported that enrolment for first year students will be cut from 4,500 to 3,300. This figure is fixed, regardless of the number of applicants.

The University of British Columbia and the University of Toronto will both reduce their intake by approximately 400 students. York University will drop approximately 150 first year applicants.

These cuts will result in a greater degree of competition among high school students, who will need higher averages this year to be admitted to university.

Last September, students were admitted to the University of Alberta with 60 per cent; this September the cut-off for admission will be 72 per cent.

The University of Toronto expects the base mark in the faculties of Arts and Science to be 75 or 76 per cent.

Peggy Sheppard, Director of Admissions at McGill, said, "No, we are not

## The econon

You're lucky to be here, you've been told you're lucky to be here.

Why are you lucky to be here?

The philosophy behind the system of access to Canadian post-secondary education is not based on intellectual merit. The greatest barrier to access to post-secondary education is economic.

Until recently, obvious connections existed between educational achievement and economic status: school led to good jobs which led to money. To an extent, this is still true — a newly graduated MBA can expect to earn more than her tenured professor. The correlation between university degree and wealth applies primarily to the career-related faculties. If access to these degrees was not restricted, one might expect to see a redistribution of wealth as the result of benefits conferred by education.

Yet even after years of publically funded and subsidised education, the gap between rich and poor grows by generation, rather than decreasing.

According to Statistics Canada, only 6.7% of the national wealth is in the hands of the poorer 50% of the population, a figure that has worsened steadily beginning in the 1950's. The 1950's, however, was also the time that education ministers such as John Roberts of Ontario felt free to promise that any eligible student was able to attend university. If a distribution of wealth — supposedly one of the benefits of a meritocratic educational system — failed to materialise, Roberts' concept of "eligibility" prevalent in Canada could be questioned.

A meritocratic society implies that the system can accommodate an infinitely expandable number of "winners". The rapidly contracting job market, which shrinks without reference to the number of students who have the potential to succeed, denies the belief that merit alone can secure the greatest prize under this socio-economic system — a job.

Students are not represented in post-secondary education in numbers proportionate to their socio-economic background. Only one third of Canadian university students have fathers in semi-skilled or unskilled professions, and almost none come from families living

limiting enrolment on freshmen students; we will not be changing the minimum entrance requirements either.

"Each year, entrance marks are reviewed by the faculties, some minor adjustments are made, sometimes they are major.

"McGill has a separate policy for CEGEP, Canadian high school, and American students' admittance. The minimum for Canadian high school students into Arts and Science is 70 per cent but for Engineering it is 80 per cent," she added.

Any changes in the base marks at McGill must pass before Senate and receive approval. "I can safely say that there won't be any cuts, these would have had to go before Senate," said Sheppard.

However, some individual faculties at McGill have begun a campaign to lower their enrolment. The Faculty of Management, already with a limited annual enrolment, has decided to raise entrance marks from 70 to 75 per cent.

"We found that we were accepting too many borderline cases, so we had to restrict the enrolment a little. We are hop-



# mics of luck

below the poverty line. Evidently, if a student does not have the innate advantages provided by rich parents, she will be less likely to reach post-secondary education.

The tests used to determine both the streaming of children at the primary level and access to university have been shown to contain cultural biases which result in their gauging cultural sophistication rather than intellectual ability. This results in the maintenance of cultural homogeneity in education — a homogeneity usually characteristic of the upper classes.

The sociological barriers to education are compounded by the economic barriers. In 1969, the federal government matched the provinces dollar for dollar in funding for post-secondary education. By 1976, however, provincial restraint programmes forced the first cutbacks.

The provinces responded to cutbacks forced by a contracting economy saying that education was a provincial responsibility, and that the federal government should just transfer its share of the money for education to the provinces. The provinces were not bound to use the money for the purpose for which it was earmarked, and the money was often diverted to other purposes. The result was the increasing of the financial burden on the student, and the redefining of eligibility to include only those who had sufficient financial resources.

Provincial governments, most notably in Ontario and Prince Edward Island (where the provincial government contributes *nothing* toward the cost of post-secondary education), have systematically underfunded universities. As a result, students are not only required to absorb huge jumps in tuition (usually starting with the foreign students, as was the case in Québec this month) but are also subject to "incidental" fees, for equipment costs which university budgets cannot absorb, and which in some faculties, notably science, can equal the cost of tuition.

If all students have a right to equal access to education, that right is being consistently disregarded.

Amy Kaler

# s the same

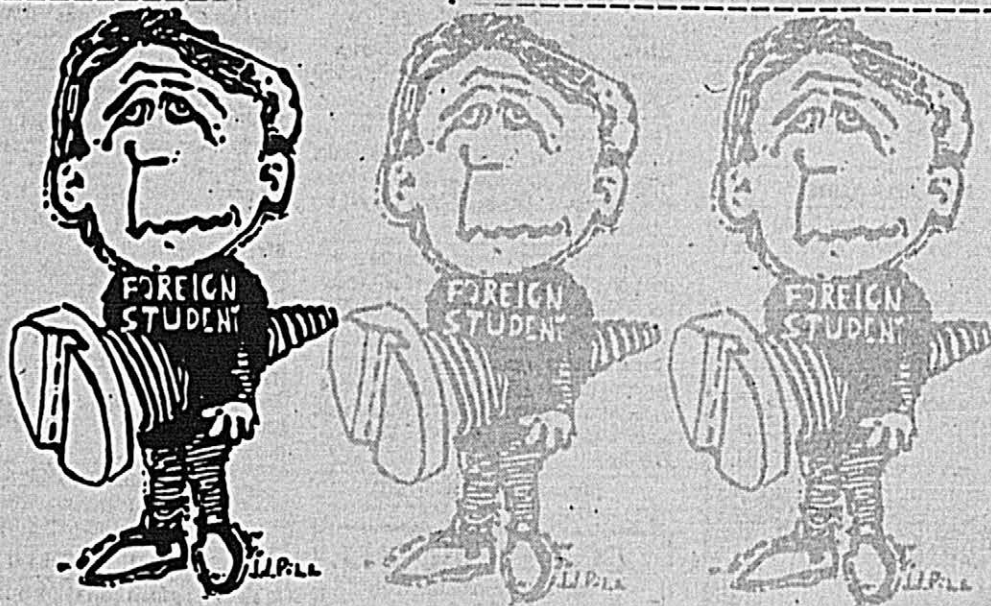
ing to have 150 less students this year," said Helen Van Eyk, Assistant to the Associate Dean.

The area in which McGill will be limiting enrolment is the foreign and out of province student admissions.

With foreign student fees increasing 32 per cent as of the 1984 Summer Session, a decrease in overall foreign student applications is expected. According to Vice-Principal Planning, Edward Stansbury, "New foreign students in U1 have gone down from 392 in 1982 to 250 in 1984. There is no reason for that steep decrease except for fees. However, as a percentage of total involvement, the decrease will be hidden in overall growth."

Stansbury does not believe that the increase in out of province fees to \$1,000 will discourage many students. "The fees now proposed are the same as the other provinces," he said.

He added, "In unlimited faculties, I don't propose changes in admission standards, it is important to keep our criteria. We are predicting a slight increase in full-time students."



## Restrictions on students in B.C.

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Students graduating from B.C. high schools this spring won't know if their marks are good enough to get into the University of British Columbia until it's too late.

With the university limiting enrolment to 3,250 first year students, principals at Lower Mainland schools are concerned about uncertainties over minimum requirements for admission, said Dante Lupini, Vancouver school board superintendent.

"Obviously, a C+ average may not be good enough anymore," he said.

The UBC Senate imposed the restrictions at its January meeting to offset part of an expected deficit due to a six per cent decrease in the university's budget.

John Oliver High School principal Robert Brett said the restriction is creating a feeling of apprehension among his students.

"I understand that when the B.C. government cuts the funding to the university, fees will

naturally go up and enrolment will have to be cut somehow. But some of my students are worried they're not going to get in. And they wouldn't have any worries if there was no limit."

Alan Brown, principal of St. George's private school said the university should institute some form of entrance exam to eliminate a bias against schools with higher standards. "We think the provincial government exams (covering 50 per cent or more of a student's grade) will be a help. Students here do better on the government exams than on our own exams."

Meanwhile, the Senate Admissions Committee says some

qualified students from colleges and other universities may also not get into U.B.C.

"The university is banking on transfer numbers remaining stable but if they swell the university may be looking at transfer restrictions," said committee chair Jorgen Dahlie.

Dahlie said restrictions are necessary because the university doesn't have the resources to support higher enrolments.

No firm plans are being made currently but registrar Ken Young said Senate is studying the number of transfer students to see if restrictions will be required.

## Underfunding boosts apathy

TORONTO (CUP) — Underfunding is killing student morale and boosting apathy, a University of Toronto report has found.

The report, prepared by the Task Force on the Undergraduate Student Experience, says underfunding and the enormity of the U of T are undermining morale among students, faculty and staff.

The task force brought gathered information through the students in Arts and students together with teachers questionnaires and public Science felt totally uninvolved in any part of the

university," the task force said.

"A constant theme (runs) throughout the report. Though it is expressed in numerous ways, it is all contained in one word — underfunding," the task force said.

Students also complained of the curtailment of services due to cutbacks, shortened library hours, loss of laboratory time and tutoring, obsolete equipment, poorly designed classrooms and fewer teaching assistants.

Underfunding has contributed to a growing sense of alienation from the university, the report says.

"Far and away the most shocking statistic that came from the questionnaire was the indication that 42 per cent of

students who are the largest visible minority at the university. Students often think that higher tuition rates are the result of an increase in foreign students, who they believe to be supported by the government.

## Students at U of A

EDMONTON (CUP) — One out of five high school students attending a recent orientation seminar at the University of Alberta received pamphlets with the word "welcome" crossed off.

When U of A student union president Robert Greenhill asked students with the altered pamphlets to raise their hands, he said they represented the proportion of those who face closed doors next September.

"I think (the pamphlet demonstration) disturbed a lot of students," Greenhill said. The action was part of the student union's efforts to fight drastic enrolment limits at the university next year.

The university plans to hold first year enrolment at 4,500, although 6,000 are expected to apply.

Administration president Myer Horowitz plans to go ahead with the limitations unless the next Alberta budget,

expected by March 27, contains a major surprise.

The Conservative government promised \$1.15 million to the university to offset the need for enrolment quotas, but Horowitz says the money will only be applied to the \$5 million deficit expected next year.

Greenhill says if quotas are needed, it should be government policy and not the result of underfunding.

"Horowitz should not have to make policy for a government that doesn't have the guts to do it itself," he said.

The university, besieged by financial troubles, raised its admission requirements from 60 to 65 per cent last fall and has already decided it must lay off some staff this year.

Final approval for the quota system is expected April 13. Under it, students with lower than a 73 per cent average could not be sure of admission to the university.







# Copieville

2050 rue Mansfield (between De Maisonneuve &amp; Sherbrooke)

**BELIEVE IT OR NOT!**

**COPIES**  
**AT**  
**4¢**

Tél: 842-4401

BOUND DOCUMENTS  
EXTRADifferent Interpretations  
in Judaism

## A Panel Discussion

How do the Chasid, Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist movements differ in their approach to modern day issues.

Rabbis from different denominations will present their views on specific issues.

Date: Wed, March 21/84  
Time: 7:30 P.M.  
Place: 3460 Stanley Street

McGill Hillel  
INFO: 845-9171



## Public Lecture Today

### Immigration Law, Refugees and Human Rights

by Steve Foster

Lawyer for Refugees  
Member of Amnesty International

1:00 P.M., Common Room, Law Faculty, 3644 Peel St.

Sponsored by: McGill Human Rights Advocacy Group, McGill  
International Law Society, Censorwatch, Forum National

## McGILL ARTS & SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY

## ELECTIONS LOCATION OF ADVANCE POLLS

Advance polls will be open on *Tuesday*,  
March 20, 1984 10:00 am — 4:00 pm  
in the following locations:

Leacock Building  
Stewart Biology Building  
Union Building

*Under no circumstances will any student be  
allowed to vote without a valid McGill I.D.*

Alan P. Rossy  
Chief Returning Officer

## DON'T MISS THE LAST BASH OF:

### McGill Squash Club

### Club Night

— Squash, food, beer, T-shirts  
video & elections

— ALL MEMBERS WELCOME —  
Mon. March 19, Currie Gym 7 PM



## STUDENTS' SOCIETY OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY NOTICE OF MEETINGS

**CLUB PRESIDENTS-ELECT (OR ALTERNATES)**  
to elect three representatives to Students' Council  
Monday, April 2nd, 1984, 3:00 p.m. University Centre Room 310

The organizations listed below must register the name, address and phone number of their delegate to this election meeting by completing the official delegate registration form at the Students' Society General Office, 3480 McTavish Street, Room 105, NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28TH. Completed forms must be signed by the president or chief officer of each respective organization and should be handed in to Leslie Copeland, Operations Secretary at the Students' Society General Office by the deadline noted above.

## ORGANIZATIONS ELIGIBLE TO SEND DELEGATES

- |                                       |                                    |   |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Advertising Club                   | 28. Foster Parents' Association    | 56. Personal Finance Club                         |
| 2. African Students                   | 29. Gay McGill                     | 57. Players' Club                                 |
| 3. AIESEC                             | 30. Hellenic Association           | 58. Pre-Law Undergrad Society                     |
| 4. Amateur Radio                      | 31. Heterosexual McGill            | 59. Program Board                                 |
| 5. Amnesty International              | 32. Hillel Students                | 60. Progressive Conservative                      |
| 6. Arab Students                      | 33. Indian Students                | 61. Project Ploughshares                          |
| 7. Armenian Students                  | 34. Inter-Fraternity Council       | 62. Public Health Interest Group                  |
| 8. Bangladesh Students' Society       | 35. International Students' Assoc. | 63. Public Interest Research Group                |
| 9. Blood Drive                        | 36. Investment Association         | 64. Quebec Israel Student Committee               |
| 10. Camera Club                       | 37. Iranian Students' Association  | 65. Radio McGill                                  |
| 11. Caribbean Students                | 38. Islamic Society                | 66. Savoy Society                                 |
| 12. Central American Action Group     | 39. Ismailia Students' Assoc.      | 67. Second Hand Textbook Sale                     |
| 13. Censorwatch                       | 40. Kenya-McGill Stud. Assoc.      | 68. Simulation Gamers                             |
| 14. Chess Association                 | 41. Korean Students                | 69. Social Dance Club                             |
| 15. Chinese Christian Fellowship      | 42. Latin American Society         | 70. Student Directory                             |
| 16. Chinese Students' Society         | 43. Lebanese Students              | 71. Student Handbook                              |
| 17. Choral Society                    | 44. Legal Aid                      | 72. Student Liaison                               |
| 18. Christian Fellowship              | 45. Liberal McGill                 | 73. Students Against Imperialist War Preparations |
| 19. Circle K                          | 46. Lubavitch Youth Organization   | 74. Students' Athletics Council                   |
| 20. Comedy Players                    | 47. Malaysian/Singaporean Students | 75. Students for Life Group                       |
| 21. Community McGill                  | 48. Mature Students                | 76. Students Meditation Society                   |
| 22. Confederation of Iranian Students | 49. McGill Magazine                | 77. Tribune                                       |
| 23. Contemporary Dance Workshop       | 50. McGill Student Pugwash         | 78. Turkish Students                              |
| 24. Debating Union                    | 51. NDP McGill                     | 79. Ukrainian Students                            |
| 25. Environmental Society             | 52. Newman Students' Society       | 80. Vietnamese Students                           |
| 26. Film Society                      | 53. Old McGill                     | 81. Women's Union                                 |
| 27. Flying Club                       | 54. Pakistan Students              | 82. Yoga & Meditation Club                        |
|                                       | 55. Pan Hellenic Council           |   |

## NOTES

1. Quorum for this meeting is two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of organizations registered by 4:30 p.m., March 28 (i.e., at least 5 days prior to the meeting).
2. Organizations eligible are only those which are DIRECTLY recognized by the McGill Students' Council and fall under the headings of Functional Groups, Activities and Interest Groups.
3. Organizations which are recognized by one of the fourteen (14) faculty and school societies or through the Students' Athletics Council are NOT eligible to be represented.
4. The Inter-Residence Council has its own representative to Students' Council and is therefore NOT eligible to send a delegate to this meeting.
5. All delegates must have been active members of their respective clubs for at least two months prior to the meeting.
6. All delegates must be members of the McGill Students' Society (i.e., any McGill student except those registered in Continuing Education).
7. A delegate who is not the president or chief officer of a particular group must be approved as the official delegate by the organization he or she is representing.
8. Organizations NOT listed above which ARE eligible to send a delegate should contact the Program Director in the Students' Society General Office as soon as possible.
9. Organizations not registered by the deadline will NOT be permitted to take part in the meeting.

## STUDENT SENATORS & GOVERNORS

to elect three representatives to Students' Council  
Thursday, March 29th, 1984, 3:00 p.m. University Centre Room 310

## NOTES

1. Where the incoming student senator is not available, the outgoing student senator for the faculty involved will be the only alternate.
2. An alternate is not eligible for election.
3. There will be no replacements to this meeting for incoming student governors who are unable to attend.
4. Only incoming student senators and governors shall be eligible for selection.

Lisette Noodelman  
Chairman  
Students' Society Nominating Committee



# ATTENTION!

## NATIVE UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Are you finding career paths blocked and creative jobs difficult to find because you don't have the necessary communications skills to enhance your college degree?

Are you interested in print newsroom techniques, feature writing, graphics and design, television and radio broadcasting and photography?

The Program in Journalism for Native People at the University of Western Ontario will help you get the job that puts your college or university education to work.

Classes begin May 16 and the deadline for applications is March 30  
For further information write:



Director  
Program in Journalism for Native People  
School of Journalism  
Middlesex College  
The University of Western Ontario  
London, Ontario, N6A 5B7  
(519) 679-2892 / 6824

### OPTOMETRIST

- Eyes Examined
- Eye Glasses
- Contact Lenses (all types)
- Medicare card accepted
- Special Consideration for Students

Dr. David Kwavnick, O.D.  
1535 Sherbrooke St.W.  
(corner Guy)  
933-8700 or 933-8182

*In post secondary education,  
the Government of Canada plays*

# A LEADING ROLE

Too often, the role of the Government of Canada in post secondary education is overlooked. Here are several examples of its involvement:

## 1 The Educational Institution Financing Program

The financial contribution the Government of Canada makes, directly and through transfer payments to the provinces, amounts to more than 50% of the cost of post secondary education. In Quebec, for 1983-1984, the Government of Canada increased its payments to over \$1 billion.

## 2 Student Loans

In 1982-1983, the Government of Canada guaranteed loans amounting to \$300 million to 184,000 students. In March 1983, the Government of Canada added \$60 million to this assistance program, raised the ceiling on loans to full-time students, offered loan guarantees to part-time students for the first time and introduced an interest exemption plan for borrowers who are disabled or are on Unemployment Insurance. Quebec, which administers its own program, has received \$187 million in compensation since 1964-1965.

## 3 Grants

Each year, the Government of Canada awards nearly 10,000 grants totalling well over \$150 million.

## 4 The Official Languages in Education Program (OLEP)

The Government of Canada, through agreements with the provinces and territories, provides financial assistance for minority official language teaching (English in Quebec and French elsewhere) and for teaching and practice of both official languages as second languages.

This assistance is available to all levels of the education system. Since 1970-1971, spending on this program has amounted to over \$1.8 billion.

## 5 Training

In 1983-1984, the Government of Canada has allocated nearly \$75 million through the Skills Growth Fund administered by Employment and Immigration Canada for the construction of new training centres and the purchase of new equipment.

To learn more about the participation of the Government of Canada in post secondary education, complete and mail the coupon below.

Serge Joyal  
Secretary of State  
Canada  
Serge Joyal  
Secrétaire d'Etat  
Canada



*I'd like to know more.*

Publications Canada  
P.O. Box 1986  
Station B  
Ottawa (Ontario)  
K1P 6G6

I wish to receive  
The Canada Student Loans Program  
☐ Full-Time Students ☐ Interest Relief Plan  
☐ Part-Time Students  
(Please print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
277-ED-1

Canada